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INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress of infrastructural development during each of the last three years upto March, 2002;

(b) the reasons for slow down, if any, in the infrastructure sector during the above period; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to give a fillip to the infrastructure in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTEMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) : The progress of infrastructure development in respect of Power, Transport and Telecommunication is given below:

Year	Power	Telecommunication		Transport				
	Capaity addition (MW)	BY PSUS (Lakh Lines)	BY Basic Telephony (Lakh Lines)	PVT Mobile Telephony (Lakh Lines)	PVT Net Tonne (Billion Tonn	Freight Kms. (Million Tonne Kms.)	Pasengr Kms. (Bil.)	Nat. Highways (length in Kms.)
99-2000	4507.50	49.18	1.28	6.80	305.20	431.4	52010	271.92
2000-01	3775.66	59.25	1.25	17.00	312.40	457.7	57737	281.09
2001-02	3115.25	52.63	3.27	20.00	323.00	473.4	58112	291.10

Year	Traffic handled at major ports	Air India (Revenue Tonne Kms.)	Indian Airlines (Revenue Tonne Kms.)
99-2000	1456.5	740.2	
2000-01	1501.4	77.3	
2001-02	1617.8	754.0	

cumulative length at the end of the year

b) 1. Power Sector

The main reasons for slow progress in capacity addition were inability to realise private sector projects in the absence of adequate arrangements for ensuring payment security, delay in land acquisition and environmental clearances, unresolved issues in fuel linkages, contractual problems, rehabilitation & resettlement problems and law and order problems.

2. Telecommunication

The reason for shortfall in the achievement of Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) by PSUs during 2001-02 has been due to:

(i) Disconnection of large number of telephones in BSNL due tomigration to cellular and the criteria of compulsory filing of Income tax return by telecom subscribers.

(ii) Delay in launching of Cellular Mobile Telephone by BSNL.

c) The following steps being taken are expected to give fillip to the infrastructure.

1. Power Sector

Public Sector funding in the Power Sector is being stepped up even as steps arebeing taken to improve the financial health of state power utilities to attract private investment.

2. Telecommunication

As per the New Telecom Policy 1999, it is envisaged that the tele-density of 7 willbe achieved by 2005 and 15 by 2010. A number of policy measures which includes faster roll out of network in the rural areas, strengthening of Research & Development(R&D)efforts in the country etc. has also been envisaged

3. Transport Sector

In the transport sector two major projects, namely, National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and PradhanMantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are in progress.